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MEDIA RELEASE

Fatal Collision Closes MD Rt. 97 in Howard County for 4 Hours

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision that occurred on MD Rt. 97 just inside the Howard/Carroll County Line. The collision occurred on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at approximately 9:19 PM., when a Ford F350 flatbed truck crossed the double yellow line.

The Ford F350 truck was northbound on MD Rt. 97 approx. ½ mile from the county line when the vehicle crossed the double yellow line while traveling through a curve. The truck struck a southbound tractor-trailer that was hauling dry goods for Richford Foods.

The driver of the Ford F350 truck was trapped in the vehicle and was pronounced dead on the scene. He was identified as *David Stephen Lee* 55 years of age of the 1200 blk. Buckhorn Road Sykesville Carroll County Maryland. *Mr. Lee* was driving a truck owned by Atlantic Welders, Inc.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was identified as *Jarid A. Jones*, 42 years of age, of the 2400 blk. Taneytown Road Gettysburg, PA. Mr. Jones is a driver for Brisk Transportation LP out of Harrisburg PA. *Mr. Jones* was not injured.

The roadway was wet at the time of the collision.

Preliminarily, excessive speed on the wet roadway is the major factor in this collision.

The investigation is continuing by Pfc. Jamie Myers.